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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPORTING UNAUTHORIZED ATTEMPTS
TO ACCESS NODES IN A NETWORK COMPUTING SYSTEM**

A method in a node for managing authorized attempts to access the node. A packet is received from a source, wherein the packet includes a first key. A determination is made as to whether the first key matches a second key for the node. The packet is dropped without a response to the source if the first key does not match the second key. Information from the packet is stored in response to this absence of a match. The information is sent to a selected recipient in response to a selected event, which may be, for example, either immediately or in response to polling to see if the information is present.